

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the paragraph beginning at line 4 of page 2 as follows:

FIG. 2A is an embodiment similar to that shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 where the IFM has more than one ring;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 6 as follows:

In the embodiment illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2, the IFM 40 comprises a ring having middle portion 42 and end portions 44. End portions 44 may be tapered and may have a diameter or profile that is less than the diameter or profile of the middle portion 42. The middle portion 42 may have a diameter or profile that is greater than the inside diameter or inside profile of the carrier tube 10 adjacent the proximal end thereof. For example, the middle portion 42 may have a diameter or profile that is 0.0005 to 0.010 inches greater than the inside diameter or inside profile of the carrier tube 10. Also by way of example, if the inside diameter of the carrier tube 10 is approximately 0.17 to 0.18 inches, the middle portion 42 may have a diameter of approximately 0.181 to 0.187 inches. In some embodiments, as shown in Figure 2A, the IFM 40 can comprise more than one ring.